

House Study Bill 254

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL
BY CHAIRPERSON FREEMAN)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to penalties for certain unlawful acts involving
2 fish.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2713HC 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraph d,
2 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
3 d. For each ~~fish~~, reptile, mussel, or amphibian, fifteen
4 dollars.
5 Sec. 2. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
7 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. For each fish, reimbursement shall be
8 as follows:
9 (1) For each fish of a species with an established daily
10 limit greater than twenty-five, fifteen dollars.
11 (2) For each fish of a species other than paddlefish,
12 muskellunge, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye,
13 northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow
14 trout, brown trout, or brook trout, with an established daily
15 limit of twenty-five or less, fifty dollars.
16 (3) For each paddlefish, five hundred dollars.
17 (4) For each muskellunge, five hundred dollars plus one
18 hundred dollars for each inch over fifty inches.
19 (5) For each largemouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty
20 dollars for each inch over twenty-two inches.
21 (6) For each smallmouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty
22 dollars for each inch over twenty inches.
23 (7) For each walleye, fifty dollars plus fifty dollars for
24 each inch over twenty-eight inches.
25 (8) For each northern pike, fifty dollars plus fifty
26 dollars for each inch over thirty-four inches.
27 (9) For each channel catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty
28 dollars for each inch over thirty inches.
29 (10) For each flathead catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty
30 dollars for each inch over twenty-eight inches.
31 (11) For each rainbow trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
32 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.
33 (12) For each brown trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
34 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.
35 (13) For each brook trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 dollars for each inch over fifteen inches.

EXPLANATION

2 This bill changes the method for calculating damages for
3 illegally taking fish by basing the damages on the species and
4 size of the fish taken.
5 The bill provides that the damages for taking a fish of a
6 species with an established daily limit greater than 25
7 remains \$15. The bill also provides that the damages for
8 taking a fish with an established daily limit of 25 or less is
9 \$50 with some exceptions.
10 The exceptions are for taking a paddlefish, which is \$500,
11 for taking a muskellunge, \$500, plus \$100 for each inch over
12 fifty inches, and for taking largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,
13 walleye, northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish,
14 rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout, for which the
15 damages are \$50 for each fish taken plus \$50 for each inch
16 over a designated size.
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